

**Criteria for Fixing price of Levy Sugar***[English]*

5593. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria being followed while fixing prices of levy sugar in different parts of the country;

(b) whether these prices are fixed even lower than the cost of production in sugar producing states; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). The ex-factory prices of levy sugar are fixed under Sub-section 3C of Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 having regard to the following factors:-

- (i) Statutory Minimum Price notified for sugarcane;
- (ii) Manufacturing cost of sugar;
- (iii) Duty or tax, if any, paid or payable thereon; and
- (iv) Securing of a reasonable return on the capital employed in the business of manufacturing sugar.

The ex-factory price of levy sugar so fixed takes into account the cost of production on the basis of statutory minimum price of sugarcane fixed by the Central Government. Where, however, the factories are paying cane prices higher than the statutory minimum, they are expected to compensate themselves for the higher cost of production, if any, from the realisations made by the sale of freesale sugar, which is 55% of the total production.

**Statutory Recognition to SC/ST Employees Association**

5594. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to grant statutory recognition to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Employees Association in the Ministries and Departments as well as in the Public Sector Undertakings, Nationalised Banks and other Government organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) SC/ST Employees Associations do not fulfill the conditions required for granting recognition to service Associations.

**Coca Cola in India**

5595. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coca Cola is entering into the Indian market by some another name;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have accorded necessary permission to the company; and

(d) if so, the conditions laid down while giving permission to the company?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):**

(a) The Government have no information about entry of Coca Cola in Indian market by some other name.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

*[Translation]*

**Appointment of Committee for Technical jobs in Khadi Gramodhyog Bhawan, New Delhi**

**5596. SHRI ARVIND NETAM:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any departmental or external technical expert is appointed in the committees for technical jobs etc. In Khadi Gramodhyog Bhawan, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether some cases of malpractices have come to the notice of the Government regarding accepting the tenders at high rates in respect of technical jobs of stitching, dyeing and printing etc. due to non-availability of a technical expert; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to check such malpractices?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN):** (a) to (c). The Central Committee functions for deciding technical jobs like

stitching, dyeing and printing in Khadi Gramodhyog Bhawan, New Delhi. The Committee is consisting of the Bhawan's Manager, Manager of Gram-shilpa, New Delhi, officer in-charge of readymade garments, officer in-charge of Dyeing and Printing Section and Senior officials of Accounts Section of the Bhawan, who are all departmental technical experts. Also, all rates are accepted according to the tender rates quoted by the parties. In view of the above, the question of malpractices by arbitrarily accepting the tenders of higher rates does not arise.

(d) In view of the reply given above, this does not arise.

*[English]*

**Surplus Land**

**5597. SHRI P. P. KALIAPERUMAL:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the land declared surplus under the Land Reforms Act so far, State-wise;

(b) the areas out of it taken possession and distributed to the rural poor by the Government; and

(c) the number of persons benefited so far, State-wise?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY):** (a) to (c). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.